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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:
a ring structure having a container holder and a shaft holder, and
at least one container attached to the ring structure via the container holder,
wherein the container holder is one of the group consisting of at least one clip and at least one portion of a hook and loop fastener.
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein each container includes a loop for fastening onto a respective hook of the container holder.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1~~ An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:
a ring structure having a container holder and a shaft holder, and
at least one container attached to the ring structure via the container holder,
wherein the shaft holder is one of the group consisting of a retention screw and a deformable material which comprises the ring structure.
7. (Canceled).

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8. (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 1~~ An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:

a ring structure having a container holder and a shaft holder, wherein the ring structure further includes a hinge capable of allowing the ring structure to swing open and closed; and

at least one container attached to the ring structure via the container holder.

9. (Original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the ring structure further includes a ring structure closer.

10. (Original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the ring structure closer comprises a clasp and a knob.

11. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:

first and second rings capable of being secured on a shaft or pole, and

a container having at least a portion capable of being secured between the first and second rings,

wherein the container is capable of being secured by frictional engagement of the first and second rings.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 11~~ An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:

first and second rings capable of being secured on a shaft or pole, wherein the first and second rings each include a retention screw or pin for securing the rings onto the shaft or pole; and

a container having at least a portion capable of being secured between the first and second rings.

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14. (Currently Amended): ~~The apparatus of claim 11~~ An apparatus for anchoring a device or carrying articles on a device comprising:

first and second rings capable of being secured on a shaft or pole, wherein the first and second rings include a hinge capable of allowing the first and second rings to swing open and closed, and

a container having at least a portion capable of being secured between the first and second rings.

15. (Currently Amended): A system for anchoring a device or for carrying articles on a device comprising:

a shaft,

a ring structure secured to the shaft and having a container holder, ~~and a shaft holder,~~ and a hinge serving as an opening mechanism, and

at least one container attached to the ring structure via the container holder.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently Amended): A method for anchoring a device or for carrying articles on a device comprising:

providing a ring structure having a shaft holder and a container holder;

attaching the ring structure to a shaft on the device via the shaft holder, the attaching step comprising opening the ring structure and closing the ring structure around the shaft, and

attaching at least one container to the ring structure via the container holder.

19. (Original): The method of claim 18, wherein the device is a beach umbrella, a tent, a bed post, a chair or a stroller.

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20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended): The method of claim-~~20~~18, wherein a hinge on the ring structure allows the ring structure to open and close.

22. (Canceled).